

Table 51. Number, percent, and rate of fatal occupational injuries by selected worker characteristics, 1998-99

Characteristics	1998			1999		
	Number	Percent	Fatality rate per 100,000 workers <sup>1</sup>	Number	Percent	Fatality rate per 100,000 workers <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	6,055	100	4.5	6,023	100	4.5
<b>Employee status</b>						
Wage and salary workers <sup>2</sup> .....	4,804	79	3.9	4,884	81	3.9
Self-employed <sup>3</sup> .....	1,251	21	11.7	1,139	19	11.1
<b>Sex</b>						
Men .....	5,569	92	7.7	5,582	93	7.7
Women .....	486	8	.8	441	7	.7
<b>Age</b>						
Under 16 years .....	33	1	-	26	( <sup>4</sup> )	-
16 to 17 years .....	32	1	1.2	46	1	1.6
18 to 19 years .....	137	2	3.1	122	2	2.7
20 to 24 years .....	421	7	3.2	450	7	3.4
25 to 34 years .....	1,238	20	3.9	1,171	19	3.7
35 to 44 years .....	1,525	25	4.2	1,499	25	4.1
45 to 54 years .....	1,279	21	4.6	1,326	22	4.6
55 to 64 years .....	836	14	6.5	814	14	6.1
65 and over .....	541	9	14.3	559	9	14.4
<b>Race</b>						
White .....	5,041	83	4.5	4,990	83	4.4
Black or African American .....	594	10	4.0	626	10	4.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native .....	29	( <sup>4</sup> )	-	57	1	-
Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander .....	264	4	-	191	3	-
Other or not reported .....	127	2	-	159	3	-
<b>Hispanic origin</b>						
Hispanic <sup>5</sup> .....	707	12	5.2	725	12	5.2

<sup>1</sup> The rate represents the number of fatal occupational injuries per 100,000 employed workers and was calculated as follows: (N/W) x 100,000, where N = the number of fatal work injuries, and W = the number of employed workers based on Current Population Survey and Bureau of the Census figures. Workers under the age of 16 years were not included in the rate calculations so consistency with the CPS employment figures could be maintained.

<sup>2</sup> May include volunteers and other workers receiving compensation.

<sup>3</sup> Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.

<sup>4</sup> Less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>5</sup> Persons identified as Hispanic may be of any race.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries